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SUBJECT: SECOND PHASE PROPOSAL FOR ACDA

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1. WE HAVE REVIEWED ACDA PROPOSAL WHICH IS AMBITIOUS. UNDP CONTRIBUTION IS SCHEDULED TO INCREASE 50 PER CENT; WHEREAS COUNTERPART CONTRIBUTIONS REMAIN THE SAME. BY COUNTING ON VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AT DOLS 136,000 PER YEAR, PROPOSAL NEATLY KEEPS UNDP CONTRIBUTION TO 30 PER CENT OF TOTAL COST OF PHASE II. THIS PERCENTAGE COMPARES FAVORABLY WITH UNDP CONTRIBUTION OF 28 PER CENT DURING FIRST PHASE.

2. LIKE MOST UN PROPOSALS, THIS ONE DOES NOT GIVE REALISTIC APPRAISAL OF PROSPECTS OF ACDA'S ATTAINING ITS OBJECTIVES DURING PHASE II. FOR EXAMPLE, AFTER TWO YEARS OF OPERATION, 5 OF 11 EXPERT POSITIONS ARE STILL VACANT.

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ALTHOUGH PROPOSAL INDICATES THERE ARE NOW CANDIDATES FOR

TWO OF POSITIONS, THREE POSITIONS STILL REMAIN IN
INDEFINITE STATUS. ACCORDINGLY, WE ARE SKEPTICAL OF ACDA
DEVELOPING NEW COURSES IN ABSENCE OF SUCCESS IN MEETING
ITS PHASE I OBJECTIVES. INGERSOLL

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